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VOL. II.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1862.

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Public Sale.

On TUESDAY,
At ten o'clock, will be sold at the Vendue
Store,

3d and 4th proof Antigua and
Jamaica Rum in hhds. and bls.
French Brandy in bls.
Holland Gin in bls.
Teneriffe Wine in casks,
Cordials in bls.
Sugar in hhds and bls.
Molasses in hhds.
Rice in tierces and bls.
Soap in boxes,
Queens and Earthen Ware in crates,
handomely assorted,
30 boxes Havana Segars,
Cotton in bales—on a credit.

A variety of DRY GOODS,

—AMONG WHICH ARE—
Broad and narrow Cloths,
Flannels and Planes,
Carpets and Carpeting,
Irish and German Linens,
Worsted and cotton Stockings,
Calicoes and Gingham,
A variety of Muffin and Muffin Hand-
merchiefs and Shawls,
Table Cloths, Hats,
Boots and Shoes,
Hardware, and
A number of other articles.

P. G. MARSTELLER,
Jan. 5. Vendue-Master.

Sale by Auction.

On SATURDAY next,
At ten o'clock, will be sold at the Auction
Room,

Rum in hhds. and bls.

Sugar in do.
Coffee in bags,
Soap and Candles in boxes,
Raisins in do.
Starch in do.
Tobacco in kegs, &c.—ALSO,

A quantity of Dry Goods,

Viz.
Kendal Cottons,
Kerseys,
Halfthicks, Plains,
Plaids, Coatings,
Duffels, Flannels,
Irish and Sheetting Linens,
German Oznaburgs,
Calicoes, Durants,
Shawls, Handkerchiefs,
Ladies' Silk Gloves,
Sewing Silks, Threads, &c.

H. and T. MOORE,
Jan. 5. Auctioneers.

FOR SALE,
The Cargo of the brig Little
Sally, capt. Coxens,
From Rhode-Island, now landing and
consisting of

French Brandy,
Holland Gin (entitled to drawback)
Country Gin,
West-India Rum, N. England do.
Loaf Sugar,
Castile Soap, Tanner's Oil,
R. I. Cheese of an excellent quality,
Seal Leather,
Russia and ravens Duck and Sheettings,
Cordage, 1 bale of Ticklenburgs, &c.
For Sale, Freight or Charter,
The said brig Little Sally, burthen
about 650 barrels, an excellent vessel and
well equipped. Apply to
J. G. LADD.
Jan. 4.

JUST RECEIVED, COARSE WOOLLENS,

Consisting of
Nap'd cottons, half thicks, pladdings,
striped blankets and kersey duffels...For
sale on very moderate terms by the pack-
age, on the usual credit.

Wm. HODGSON.
Oct. 6.

ROBBERY.

One Hundred Dollars Reward.

THE subscribers' store was last night
broke open and the following Cash and
Goods taken therefrom, viz.

About 160 dollars in cash,
Cross-barred and striped coarse swansdown,
1 Piece of superfine brown cloth,
1 do. do. dark bottle green,
1 do. of dark brown superfine,
1 do. dark mixed brown superfine,
2 do. of blue fine cloth,
1 do. of dark mixture fine cloth,
3 do. lapet muslins,
Of fringed muslins a number—also dimi-
ties; camel hair shawls; brown, red and
blue bandannoes; yellow flags and
cinnamon silk shawls; a number of India
book muslins; women's blue and white
worsted and cotton stockings, mens'
fancy cotton stockings; a few pieces
of Marfeilles vest patterns and silk nan-
keen, together with a variety of other
articles not particularly recollected.

The above reward will be paid to any
person for discovering the Cash and Goods
and convicting the thief or thieves; or
Fifty Dollars for all the Goods, or in
proportion for any part of the Goods re-
covered.

It is hoped all well disposed persons will
interest themselves in discovering and
bringing to condign punishment the per-
petrators of this daring attack upon the
property of citizens.

J. & M. SCHOLFIELD.

January 2.
Such Printers as are disposed to de-
tect villainy are requested to insert the a-
bove.

William Hartthorne

HAS FOR SALE,

At his Mill, or in Alexandria,
Plaster of Paris by the
ton, or ready ground by the bushel,
Indian Meal or Rye Meal, bolted or
unbolted,
Corn or any other grain (except wheat)
ground for toll at the mill.

At his store in Town,

Hay in bundles, corn by the bushel,
Loaf or lump sugar by the hhd. or bbl.
Jamaica spirit by the hhd. or barrel,
more than 3 years old,
First and second quality James River
tobacco in kegs,
A few very good mill spindles,
Two good scale beams.

For Sale,
A number of valuable Lots in town.

Also, to Sell or Rent,

A valuable Brick House on King Street,
now in the tenure of Thomas Crute.

To Let,

A two story Frame House, on Duke
Street, with a large garden and a well of
good water at the door. 12 mo. 22.

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The Rival Clergy for Chaplainship to Congress.

For Sale at this Office,
The Clerical Candidates.

A POEM.

The above work is printed on fine wove
paper, containing 36 pages, octavo, price
25 cents.
Dec. 3.

The Subscriber will Rent

AN EXCELLENT

ROCK-FISHERY

On Potomac Creek, with a Lot of Land
adjoining thereto; on which are a small
dwelling-house, store-house, and all other
necessary houses for the accommodation of
a family. This place is considered a good
stand for a store. Possession will be giv-
on the 1st of January.

LEWIS WAUGH.
December 14.

Robert T. Hooe and Co.

HAVE IMPORTED,

In the brig Neptune, from Lisbon,
AND OFFER FOR SALE,

100 casks Lisbon Wine of a
superior quality,

800 bushels of Salt,
1 bale of Morocco Skins,
A few boxes of Lemons and Oranges,
Figs in Frails,
Olive Oil, Almonds, Filberts,
10 bundles floor carpets and foot mats.

They have likewise on hand,
A few bales of Negro cottons and blan-
kets,

German Linens,
Earthen Ware in crates, Sugar in hhds.
and bls. and coffee in bags and tierces.

Nov. 30.

SOAL LEATHER

And Mens' coarse Shoes,
Just received a quantity, for sale by
JOHN G. LADD.
Dec. 19.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust from Robert
Hamilton and Esther, his Wife, to the
Subscribers, for securing the payment of
a sum of money to the President, Directors
and Company of the Bank of Alexan-
dria, on the 30th instant will be exposed
to Sale, for ready money, on the premises,
A Lot or Parcel of Ground,

lying upon the East side of St. Asaph-
Street, and south side of Wolfe-Street, in
the Town of Alexandria; beginning at
the intersection of the said Streets, and
running eastwardly with Wolfe-Street to
Pitt-Street; thence southwardly with
Pitt-Street 96 feet 6 inches; thence west-
wardly parallel with Wolfe-Street 80
feet; thence southwardly parallel with
Pitt-Street 80 feet; thence westwardly
parallel with Wolfe-Street to St. Asaph-
Street; thence northwardly with St.
Asaph-Street to the beginning. Upon
this piece of ground there are a large,
commodious frame dwelling-house, well
calculated for the accommodation of a
genteel family, a kitchen, stable and car-
riage-house, a well of water in the yard,
with a pump. The situation is elegant.
It was formerly occupied by Mr. Robert
Hamilton, lately by Mr. Stier, and at
present by Mr. James Hamilton. The
lot being large, a sufficient proportion
of it will be attached to the improve-
ments, and the residue laid off into conve-
nient building lots; a plan of which will
be exhibited on the day of sale.

ALSO,

One other Piece of Ground,
lying upon the south side of Prince-Street,
and to the eastward of Water-Street, in
the said Town; beginning upon Prince-
Street 22 feet to the eastward of Water-
Street, and running thence eastwardly
with Prince-Street 23 feet; thence south-
wardly parallel to Water-Street 44 feet 4
inches; thence westwardly parallel to
Prince-Street 23 feet; thence northward-
ly to the beginning. Upon this piece
of ground there are a convenient two-story
frame dwelling-house, with a kitchen
and other conveniences; now in the the
occupation of Mr. Smith.

ALSO,

One other Piece of Ground,
adjoining the last; beginning upon Prince
Street 45 feet to the eastward of Water-
Street, and running thence eastwardly
with Prince-Street 45 feet; thence south-
wardly parallel to Water-Street 44 feet
four inches; thence westwardly parallel
of Prince-Street 40 feet; thence north-
wardly to the beginning. Upon this piece
of ground is a large frame warehouse, two
stories high, now in the occupation of
Messrs. Smith and Bartleman. It for-
merly composed two distinct warehouses,
and may easily be put into the same
situation again.

JAMES KEITH,
JOHN C. HERBERT.
January 1.

Public Sale.

On Saturday the 9th inst. at 1 o'clock,
will be sold, at the Coffee-House,

The annual Rent of £.135,
arising from a Lease from W. T. Alex-
ander to John Gill, of 45 acres of Land,
adjoining the Town of Alexandria, for
99 years, renewable for ever. The terms
will be made known previous to the sale.
P. G. MARSTELLER, v. M.
January 6.

Public Sale.

At the Store of Kid, Eliot and Co. King-
Street, will be sold on Saturday next at 2
o'clock the remaining STOCK in TRADE
consisting of

Crockery and Queens Ware,
English and Dutch Glass Ware,
Ironmongery and Cutlery,
Two hundred pieces of Paper Hangings,
14 Casks best Twist Tobacco,
12 Boxes Philadelphia white and brown
Soap,
And a variety of other articles.

On all purchases above 50 Dollars a cre-
dit of 60 days will be given for approved
notes, and all under that sum Cash.

P. G. MARSTELLER, v. M.
January 7.

JUST PUBLISHED,
By Cotton & Stewart,

And for Sale at their Book Store,
Price 37½ Cents,

Certain Acts of the Common-
wealth of Virginia for regulating the Mi-
litia, and of the Congress of the United
States, more effectually to provide for the
national defence by establishing an uniform
militia throughout the United States, with
the Rules and Articles of war.

FRENCH SPOILIATIONS.

The Sufferers by capture of Ame-
rican Property, by the French, are
requested to meet at the Insurance-
Office, on Friday Evening, at 6
o'clock.

January 7.

FOR CHARTER,

The Schooner
RACHAEL,
Burthen about 86 tons.—
Apply to Capt. Russell Ste-
vens, or to

KORN & WISEMILLER.

January 7.

Toll Gatherers on the Potomac

wanted.

THE President and Directors of the
Potomac Company will meet at Mr. Bar-
ney's Tavern, in George-Town, on Satur-
day the 16th day of January, instant, for
the purpose of appointing Toll-Gatherers,
at the Great Falls, Little Falls, and at
Hookes's Falls; to whom liberal salaries
will be given.

No person employed will be allowed to
have any concern either directly or indi-
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ment or purchase of articles, brought down
the river. None need apply who cannot
give security for his compliance with the
duties imposed on him, and who does not
possess a knowledge of figures, and is not
known to be sober and attentive to busi-
ness. Applications may be directed to the
Subscriber.

By order of the President & Directors,
JOS. CARLETON, Treasurer.
Alexandria, January 6, 1862. dgt

FREIGHT WANTED

For the Sloop
FAVORITE

To the West-Indies or any
port in the United States,

WILLIAM SMITH, Master.

She is a staunch vessel, about 53 tons bu-
then, and is now ready to receive a cargo
For terms apply to the Master on board
lying at Gilpin's Wharf.

January 7.

Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Monday, January 4.

Mr. Randolph moved that the house should go into a committee of the whole on the state of the union, with the view of submitting three resolutions to the committee, viz.

1. Resolved, that it is expedient to enquire whether any and what alterations should be made in the judicial establishment of the United States.

2. Resolved, that provision ought to be made for the impartial selection of juries.

3. Resolved, that it is expedient to enquire, whether any and what reductions can be made in the civil expenses of the government of the United States.

The house accordingly went into a committee. Mr. Morris in the chair.

Mr. Bayard presumed an agreement to these resolutions would in their present shape meet with no opposition. It was impossible to determine what shape they would ultimately assume. The judiciary system was doubtless susceptible of amendment, and if any proper amendments should be proposed, he would concur in their adoption. With respect to the second resolution though he did not know that there was any necessity for altering the mode at present practised of selecting juries, having not heard of any complaints under it, yet as the resolution only led to an enquiry into the subject he would not object.

With regard to the last resolution, it was one in which we must all concur. The object, if attainable, would be extremely grateful to all of us.

The three resolutions were agreed to without a division.

The committee rose, and reported the resolutions.

On the report being taken up, Mr. Randolph moved, that the consideration of the two first resolutions be postponed till the third Monday of January.

Mr. Bayard hoped the motion for postponement would not prevail. The propositions were abstract ones leading to enquiry, and the sooner they were acted upon the better. The mode pursued by the gentleman from Virginia, if his simple object was to give notice, was the least happy that he could have been devised. For it gave to gentlemen no opportunity to prepare themselves, as they were totally unacquainted, in the present stage of the business, what would be the alterations proposed. If a committee were now appointed, they would have time to deliberate on a subject of the utmost importance, one so complicated as to require great attention.—When their report was made, he would be one of those who would ask from the candour of the house time to consider it.

Mr. Randolph said he was at all times willing to accommodate gentlemen of every political description on proper occasions. Apprehending that his resolutions if taken up in the house, would give rise to discussion, he had moved for their postponement, from a wish not to interfere with the desire of the gentleman from Pennsylvania, and other gentlemen, to act on the apportionment bill. As his motion for postponement appeared likely to be itself productive of discussion, by which the time of the house would be exhausted, and the means he used defeat the end he had in view, he would withdraw his motion.

The house then agreed to the resolutions without a division.

Mr. Randolph moved the reference of the two first resolutions to the same committee.

He said, in reply to the gentleman from Delaware, that he made the motion respecting juries not because any complaint did at present exist of the exercise of the powers under which juries were selected, but because they had not long since existed, and because in similar circumstances they might again exist. He was glad the gentleman from Delaware had no reason to complain of their present abuse. But this was no security against the future.

Mr. Bayard said that he had spoken as he had done, not for the purpose of expressing any opinion that any abuse respecting juries had been recently removed under the present state of things; but to state that he had never heard of any complaints on this subject in the part of the union from which he came; and he had particularly alluded

to the mode of designating jurors in his state, which was by ballot. But if there were complaints in other parts of the union, he would co-operate in any means that could be devised, for removing them.

Mr. Smilie said that since the gentleman from Delaware had introduced the subject, and had declared that no complaints had existed, he would say that complaints had existed, that just grounds for them existed, and that they had been expressed in the loudest tones. And he would appeal to the gentleman from Delaware, whether any man could be safe, who was at the mercy of a marshal, who was the mere creature of the President.

Mr. Bayard. While man continues as he is, there will be complaints on this subject. We are divided into parties. The people as well as the President, must belong to one side or the other; and whether we have sheriffs chosen by the people, or marshals, appointed by the President, the evil will still exist. He had no objection, if it were the wish of gentlemen, that the marshals should be appointed by the people, though we know that the people were as apt, nay more apt to be infected with violent political feelings than an executive officer.

Mr. Randolph said, that without desiring to exhaust the time of the house, on a point where there was no difference of opinion, he could not permit the observation of the gentleman from Delaware to pass unnoticed, that an officer, holding a lucrative office, appointed by the President, and dependant upon his will, is as independent as a sheriff, elected in some states annually by the people, and in other states appointed in a manner calculated to insure his independence. He would instance the state of Virginia, in which the sheriffs were nominated by the justices of the county courts, who, it was understood, were to hold the office of sheriff in rotation.

Will the gentleman say that these men, who are independent of the pleasure of any man, are liable to be made the same tools with officers who hold their appointments at the absolute will of one man.

Mr. R. would further say, that the remark of the gentleman from Delaware, that the existence of no complaints had ever come to his ears, had excited his extreme astonishment. In North Carolina he believed no legal jury had been selected since the establishment of the Federal Government. In that State, in the State Courts all juries are first selected in the inferior courts, and then sent to the superior courts. He would ask, how, under these circumstances a jury could be struck in a federal court in that state agreeably to law?—In Virginia and Pennsylvania, the independence of Sheriffs is secured, therefore, no restrictions are imposed upon them in selecting juries—whereas in the federal courts the Marshall is the abject creature of the Executive—and yet we are told the security is the same! Mr. Randolph did not wish to consume the time of the house. But when views are taken by gentlemen calculated, either as to act or sentiment, to lead the public mind astray, if other gentlemen, did not, he invariably would notice them.

Mr. Bayard desired to explain. He had not meant to contend that sheriffs chosen for 3 years by the people were so dependent, as similar officers appointed by the President. He had alluded to the effects which flowed from a marked division of parties. We were in all events subject to that evil. It was a truth that men deeply infected with party were more apt to be chosen by the people than by an executive magistrate; because the people felt more strongly a degree of political fanaticism.

After some farther debate, it was determined to refer the first resolutions to a committee of 7; and the last to a committee of 5 members.

On motion of Dr. Leib, the house went into a committee of the whole on the

APPORTIONMENT BILL.

Mr. Nicholson in the chair.

Mr. Bayard moved to strike out the ratio of "33,000," for the purpose of substituting "30,000."

He was in favour of this last ratio, because it was the one within our constitutional limits, which left the fewest unrepresented fractions; and because he thought it very important that that ratio should be adopted, which would entitle the smallest states to at least two representatives

that in case one of the representatives were sick, or unavoidably silent, the state might not go unrepresented. Besides it was of great moment to a state, particularly to the state which he represented, that its representative should be a constant juror with whom to consult on its interests.

The ratio of 33,000 would be peculiarly severe in its operation on Delaware; as it would leave an unrepresented fraction of 29,000.

The ratio of 30,000 was still more to be preferred on general than on local principles. He had always been for increasing the strength of the government of the United States; no further, it was true, than to enable it to protect itself from subversion or depression by the unconstitutional encroachments of the states. He might, in some measure, have derived these views from the relation in which he stood to a small state; for it was certain that the smallest states had a deeper interest in the federal government than the larger states; as without the protection of that government they might be overwhelmed by the larger states.

He never had believed that the strength of the government was to be increased by extending the power of the executive. But he believed its strength would be increased by augmenting the numbers of that house, which would invigorate the affections of the people; and he believed that by thus increasing the energies of this body, more power would be conferred on the government by an addition of ten members, than would be conferred by giving it an army of 10,000 men.

The gentleman from Virginia had denied that this house was the representative of the people, affirming it to be the representative of the states. Mr. B. hoped, if he misinterpreted his ideas, that the gentleman would explain.

Mr. Randolph would explain. He said that this house was not the representative of the people of the United States, but the representative of the people of the individual states in their sovereign state capacities.

Mr. Bayard considered the opinion of the gentleman incorrect, and thought it extremely important that on this point correct ideas should be entertained.—He viewed the representation in that House as national, and he considered himself as much the representative of Virginia as the gentleman himself. In this House, we have no other relation to the States, than that which regards our origin. We form a great national body, designed for national purposes;—and as soon as we come here we lose our State characters. The government is of a mixed kind. In the Senate the States are completely and exclusively represented. But on this floor, there subsists no relation to States. We are solely related to the people, and our representation is in proportion to the numbers of the people.

There was one argument to him conclusive. A majority of representatives may bind a majority of States; and the representatives of three or four States forming that majority, may bind the whole union.

Mr. B. knew that the arguments he had urged had been met by the expression of a fear that this body might gain an influence that would outweigh the several States; and that this government might become too strong for the governments of the States. But his fear was that the governments of the States might become too strong for this government. What reason was there to apprehend danger from the augmentation of the members of this House from about 140, of which it would consist according to the ratio of 33,000, to 154, of which it would consist according to that of 30,000. Can the States apprehend any danger? For instance can Virginia entertain alarm? When at present she sends here 19 members, and has in her own legislature from 190 to 200 members; and when according to the two ratios proposed, she will send either 22 or 24 members. Is it conceivable that the confidence of the citizens of Virginia can be shaken in her own State representation, by this considerable addition to her federal representation?

Mr. B. concluded by recapitulating his arguments in favor of the ratio of 30,000.

(To be continued.)

An Apprentice wanted.

FROM THE NEW-YORK EVENING POST.

THE EXAMINATION.

NUMBER III.

HAD our laws been less provident than they have been, yet must it give us a very humble idea of the talents of our president as a statesman, to find him embarrassed between an absolute abandonment of revenue and an inconvenient accumulation of treasure. Pursuing the doctrine professed by his *fees* that our public debt is a national curse, which cannot too promptly be removed, and adhering to the assurance which he has virtually given, that a sponge the favorite instrument, shall not be employed for the purpose, how has it happened that he should have overlooked the simple and obvious expedient of using the supposed excess of income as a remedy for so great a mischief?

After all we have heard in times past, it would ill become either the head, or any member, of the orthodox *fees* to contend, that a too rapid reimbursement of the debt might be attended with evils. In courtesy however, this shall be supposed to be argued by some new convert, who has not entirely shaken off the prejudices of former modes of thinking; and it shall be examined, whether this argument will afford a justification of the measure recommended.

It shall not be denied that the immediate payment of our whole debt, if practicable, would be likely to be injurious in various ways. It would in the first instance, produce a money profligacy, (if the phrase may be allowed,) which experience has shewn to be inauspicious to the energies, and especially to the morality and industry of a nation. The quick efflux of this money to pay a considerable part of the debt in the hands of foreigners, and to procure from abroad the means of gratifying an increased extravagance, would, after some time, substitute a too great a vacuity to a too great fulness, leaving us to struggle with the bad habits incident to the latter state, and with the embarrassments of a defective circulation. To these, other reasons might be added, which, though equally just and solid, are omitted as being more liable to dispute.

The extreme case is here presented, the immediate reimbursement of the entire debt, yet it must be admitted, that the same considerations are applicable in a less degree to a summary, or very rapid repayment by large instalments. But the answer to all this is, that it would have been full time to adopt precautionary measures against evils from such a source, when experience had realized the danger. Till such time it is certainly the highest wisdom to continue the employment of a fund which is already provided, and without overburdening the people, for the all important purpose of exonerating the nation from debt, and of placing it in a condition, with competent resources to meet future contingencies, which may threaten its safety. On the other hand, is it not a mark of the highest improvidence and folly, to throw away an important part of this fund on the mere speculation that it may possibly be superfluous?

But admitting it to be already ascertained, that the fund is greater than is requisite to extinguish the debt, with convenient celerity; does it follow, that the excess if retained, must be suffered to accumulate, and that no different method could have been found to employ it which would have been productive of adequate utility?

Whatever diversity of opinion there may be with regard to military and naval preparations, for the defence and security of the country, there are some things in which all well-informed and reflecting men unite. Armies, foundries, dockyards and magazines (especially those containing materials for the construction and equipment of ships) so that, upon the breaking out of a war there may be a sufficient supply of warlike implements, and of means for the speedy creation of a navy; are by all deemed eligible objects of public care. To provide for these objects upon a competent, though moderate scale, will be attended with expenses so considerable, as to leave nothing to spare from the amount of our present income. To persons unacquainted with the subject the quantities of several articles on hand may appear ample; but to good judges there is hardly any one class of supplies which

One of the essential principles of government is "the honest payment of our debts, and sacred preservation of our faith."—Inaugural speech.

will not be thought to require much argument. As far as a navy is concerned, the deficiency is palpable.

If dock-yards are to be established in earnest, they ought certainly to be well protected. For this purpose, fortifications of a substantial and durable nature, very different from the temporary shifts hitherto adopted, ought to be erected, and if the president will enquire into the cost of even these trifling constructions, in the instances where they have been managed with all practicable economy, he will become convinced that the erection of proper works would call for an expenditure forbidding the supposition of a superfluity of revenue.

In addition to objects of national security, there are many purposes of great public utility to which the revenue in question might be applied. The improvement of the communications between the different parts of our country, it is an object well worthy of the national purse, and one which would abundantly repay to labor the portion of its earnings, which may have been borrowed for that purpose. To provide roads and bridges is within the direct purview of the constitution. In many parts of the country, especially in the Western Territory, a river in which the Atlantic States are equally interested, aqueducts and canals would also be fit subjects of pecuniary aid, from the general government. In France, England, & other parts of Europe institutions exist supported by public contributions, which eminently promote agriculture and the arts, such institutions merit imitation by our government: they are of the number of those which directly and sensibly recompense labor for what it lends to their agency.

The suggestions of the last kind, the adepts of the new school have a ready answer: *Industry will succeed and prosper in proportion as it is left to the exertions of individual enterprise.* This favorite dogma, when taken as a general rule, is true; but as an exclusive one, it is false, and leads to error in the administration of public affairs. In matters of industry, human enterprise ought, doubtless to be left free in the main, not fettered by too much regulation; but practical politicians know that it may be beneficially stimulated by prudent aids and encouragements on the part of the government. This is proved by numerous examples too tedious to be cited, examples which will be neglected only by indolent and temporizing rulers, who love to let in the lap of epicurian ease, and seem to imagine that to govern well, is to amuse the wondering multitude with sagacious aphorisms and oracular sayings.

What has been observed, is sufficient to render it manifest, that independent of the extinguishment of the debt, the revenues proposed to be yielded up would find ample and very useful employment for a variety of public purposes. Already in possession of so valuable a resource; having surmounted the difficulties, which, from the opinions and habits of our citizens, obstruct in this, more than in any other country, every new provision for adding to our public income; certainly without a colourable pretence of there being a grievous or undue pressure on the community—how foolish will it be to resign the boon, perhaps in a short time to be compelled again to resort to it; and for that purpose to hazard a repetition of the obstacles which have been before encountered and overcome; which, however, gave birth to our infatuation? Infatuated must be the councils from which so injurious a project has proceeded!

But admitting the position that there is an excess of income which ought to be relinquished still the proposal to surrender the internal revenue is impolitic. It ought to be carefully preserved, as not being exposed to the casualties incident to our intercourse with foreign nations, and therefore the most certain.—It ought to be preserved as reaching to descriptions of persons who are not proportionably affected by the impost, and as tending for this reason, to distribute the public burden more equitably.

It ought to be preserved, because if revenue can really be spared, it is best to do it in such a manner as will conduce to the relief or advancement of our navigation and commerce. Rather let the tonnage duty on American vessels be abolished, and let the duties be lessened on some particular articles on which they may press with inconvenient weight. Let not the merchant be provoked to attempt to evade the duties, by the sentiment that

his sale or interest is disregarded; and that his capital alone is to be clogged and incumbered by the demands of the Treasury.

But who and what are the merchants when compared with the patriotic votaries of whiskey in Pennsylvania and Virginia? LUCIUS CRASSUS.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.

From Cape Francois to December 4.—We learn by Mr. Burrows, who came in the schooner Fox, from Cape Francois that all was tranquil there when he sailed. No official news had been received of the European Peace—and no knowledge appeared to be possessed by the citizens in general of the projected French Expedition to St. Domingo. Toussaint might have some private information on the subject; and, indeed considerable military preparations were making. It is believed the able governor's power is so considerable, that it must be continued, or the most sanguinary conflicts will occur. Toussaint's means of defence are formidable, and he will employ them to the utmost, before he will descend from his elevated station.

NEW-YORK, January 2.
FIRE!

This morning between 7 and 8 o'clock a fire broke out in the Printing-Office of Messrs. Lang and Co. publishers of the New-York Gazette, and before it was extinguished, destroyed the whole of the upper part of the building, together with various articles there deposited, to a considerable amount. We are happy to learn however that the most part of their printing materials were preserved from the destructive element. The fire, we understand, originated in the garret, a place which had been unfrequented for some time past, and where no business was transacted. The roof of the adjoining house of Mr. G. F. Hopkins, was several times on fire, and was only preserved by the uncommon exertions of our firemen and citizens.

January 4.

Arrived, ship Lydia, Gardner, Greenock; sch's Generous Friend, Shepherd, Trinidad; Dispatch, Jones, Curacao; sloops Minerva, Williams, Jamaica; Lavina, Phillips, Cape-Francois.

Cleared, ship Ann, Terney, Cape-Francois; brig Good Intent, Hopkins, Liverpool; schooner President, Buck, St. Jago de Cuba; George, Barker, St. Thomas.

The ship Potomac Chief, belonging to Messrs. Minturn and Champlin, of this city, is lost on a reef of rocks, on her passage from Turks Island to the Havana.

Statement of Vessels entered at this port from foreign ports, during the year 1801.

Ships 346—sloops 12—barks 9—sloops 4—brigs 412—sch's 471—sloops 21—Total, 1375.

In 1800, there were ships 288—sloops 12—barks 3—brigs 317—sch's 395—sloops 121—Total, 1134.

PHILADELPHIA, January 4.

Agreeably to public notice, a considerable number of the Sufferers by the French Spoilations, assembled yesterday at the city tavern. We understand that a committee was appointed to correspond with the merchants of other states, for the purpose of obtaining their co-operation in an application to the government of the United States, soliciting compensation for their respective claims.

Arrived, brig Lovely Lucy, Davidson, Havana; Fame, Jones, Havana; sch's Widowson, Mathews, St. Jago de Cuba, via Havana.

Cleared, brig Jane, Taylor, St. Jago de Cuba; sch's Little Robert, Dolby, Port Antonio; Nonpareil, Jervis, Martinique; Dispatch, Maxwell, Charleston. Brig Thomas, Hawes, from hence, arrived at Havana.

Brig Fair American, Da Costa, from hence, arrived at Antigua, and was to proceed from thence the 5th ult. for St. Kitts.

Sch's Adventure, Denebre, of and for this port, sailed from Havana the 15th ult.

A sch'r from Newport to Philadelphia, is cast away on Hecford Bar; crew and part of the cargo saved.

MAMMOTH.

Ninety years have elapsed since the first remains of this animal were found in this country—they were then thought to be the remains of a GIANT: Numerous have been the attempts by scientific phan-

tasters of all nations, to procure a satisfactory collection of bones; at length the subscriber has accomplished this great object, and now announces to the public, that he is in possession of a COMPLETE SKELETON* of this ANTIQUE WONDRA OF NORTH-AMERICA; after a long, laborious and uncertain enterprise. They were dug up in Orange and Ulster counties, (State of New-York) where they must have lain certainly many hundred years. No other vestige remains of these animals; nothing but a confused tradition among the natives of our country, which states their existence, ten Thousand years ago; but, whatever might have been the appearance of this ENORMOUS QUADRUPED when clothed with flesh, his mangled bones can alone lead us to imagine; already convinced that he was the LARGEST of Terrestrial Beings!

The expense of this undertaking has been so great, that in order to indemnify the subscriber, it must be a separate charge from the Museum. It is erected in a separate room, to which the price of admittance is 50 cents—to the Museum, as usual, 25 cents.

N. B. Both the Museum and Mammoth will be abundantly illuminated, every night, until ten o'clock, except Sunday.

G. W. PEALE.

* A few counterparts only having been carved in wood, and the summit of the head wanting.

Alexandria Advertiser.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3.

Married last evening, by the Rev. Mr. Maffett, Mr. SAMUEL SNOWDEN, Editor of this paper, to Miss NANCY LONGDEN, of this place.

Important Discovery.

There has lately been discovered, near Newton, Suffolk county, (N. J.) on the plantation of Mr. James Hunt, a MINE which has the appearance of the genuine *Plaster of Paris*. A variety of experiments have been made by a number of gentlemen who pronounce it equal, if not superior, to the Nova Scotia Plaster. In all probability said mine contains an inexhaustible quantity. *Newark Cen.*

A few weeks ago, there was committed to the penitentiary of Richmond (Virg.) an old man of eighty-six years of age. He is sentenced to an imprisonment of two years. His crime is horse stealing—his infirmities are so great that he cannot be expected to survive till the expiration of his confinement. He cannot walk up and down the stairs of the house without help. Such is the maturity of this man's decrepitude, that it is hardly conceivable what kind of a horse he was capable of stealing. He will in all probability, perish in his cell; in the course of this winter, unless he shall be indulged with a relaxation of his punishment. *[Virginia Argus.]*

From the National Magazine.

The following enumeration we insert, not only as interesting to present curiosity but as important to the future statistical historian of the Metropolis of the United States.

An enumeration of the houses in the City of Washington, made November, 1801:

Houses in an habitable state on the 15th May, 1800: Brick 108, Wood 261.

Houses finished since 15th May, 1800: Brick 75, Wood 150.

Houses proposed to be finished before 15th Nov. 1801: Brick 13, Wood 4.

Houses not finished: Brick 80, Wood 35.

Total number of houses of all descriptions in the City of Washington, November, 1801:

Houses upon squares, 732

Houses upon public appropriation, 44

Houses upon private appropriation, 776

SCRAPS.

FROM LATE LONDON PAPERS.

An English Pocket Handkerchief—its use.—A Paris paper has the following paragraph on the subject—"Foreigners who have lived amongst the English know that a pocket handkerchief is used by them in different ways—it is alternately a cravat, a night-cap, a napkin, a towel, a valise, a duster, a purse, and a night-fack. It undergoes a variety of other metamorphoses, which decency, however, will not permit us to dwell upon! We conclude, says the

Gazette de France, with sailing, that a pocket handkerchief is often a substitute for a halter!"

Sweden is fitting out some ships of war for the Mediterranean to cruise against the Barbary States. Now that the greatest Powers have fatiated themselves with the feast of war, the interior ones are coming in to divide the fragments.

The Russian government is not the only one that interests itself for the suppression of gaming—the Municipality of Strasburg has forbidden all games of hazard under very severe penalties. This evil had lately risen to an alarming height in that town.

Lord CORNWALLIS is objected to as the fittest person to treat with France, because he does not understand French. Pray did his Lordship understand Irish when he was sent to Dublin?

The French prisoners in this country amount to upwards of 20,000, and they are all effective men, the sick having been sent home from time to time as they fell ill. Of these 20,000, nine in ten are able-bodied seamen—They are the best sailors of France, the most daring and enterprising, who have been mostly employed in privateers and small cruisers.

M. Otto, we are told understands English remarkably well—far better, undoubtedly than Lord Hawkebury.

Earl Chatham is present at all the Cabinet dinners, and other meetings—which Mr. Pitt cannot attend in person.

Henry Waring Knox, Esq. left town on Tuesday for Paris with a passport from Lord Pelham. Mr. Knox is the first gentleman who obtained that permission since the peace.

Captain Penny, of the Hans Town Volunteers assured his corps, at their last meeting, that they should never want money while he remained with them.

ANECDOTE.—Two sailors, the other day, were disputing on board of his majesty's ship *Assurance*, off Woolwich, respecting the wisdom of King Solomon; and after making many very original and singular remarks on that mighty monarch, one of them closed his argument as follows: "Why, Jack, you may talk till the tongue drops out of your wooden head; but I'll tell you what, perhaps neither you nor King Solomon ever knew, that is, I—n my eyes, but the times are so altered, that if he was now alive he would not know a jib-boom from a poop lantern!"

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January 8. d3tzaw

Notice is hereby given,

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As he has put himself to great trouble and expense to accommodate gentlemen, he hopes he will meet with encouragement, when he informs them that nothing shall be wanting on his part to render their situation comfortable.

JAMES MOORE.

January 7. d3tz

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